

Grasshopper Army Adds to Russia's Woes

Flight of Locusts 10 Miles Wide Sweeps Across Country, Completing the Picture of Desolation

Relief Official Reports Immediate Action Necessary to Save 8,000,000 Children, He Declares

MOSCOW, Russia, Aug. 25. (By The Associated Press).—An army of grasshoppers ten miles wide has swept from Novorossisk, on the Black Sea, to the grain belt of Russia, destroying what little was left in the famine region, according to Albert A. Johnson, of Farmingdale, N. Y., chairman of the Near East Relief, who has just arrived in Moscow from Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, by way of the Trans-Caucasian. He left Tiflis on August 16 to investigate the famine at first hand, together with E. A. Yarrow, director general of the Near East Relief in Trans-Caucasia; Peyton Hibben, of Indianapolis; John Voris and Frank Connes, the latter acting as interpreter.

"It is absolutely impossible for Russia to feed her starving," said Mr. Johnson. "Immediate action is necessary for the relief of the 8,000,000 children or it will arrive too late."

Local Aid Impossible "Kuban and the Ukraine, which normally would take care of any lack of foodstuffs in the stricken district, are themselves suffering from a shortage. This is the second year of famine in the Volga country. Other Russian wheat districts helped out last year, but this year that cannot do so. Last year the Volga farmers lived on bread made from millet and chaff or grass mixed with earth, from which they made a bread paste. During the winter they were forced to sell their household goods to maintain life until the harvest this year, when they hoped to pull through.

"But this summer all southeast Russia was burned up by the drought. Ten miles wide, which went from Novorossisk straight through the grain belt. The population was forced to eat bread made from millet and chaff or grass mixed with earth, from which they made a bread paste. During the winter they were forced to sell their household goods to maintain life until the harvest this year, when they hoped to pull through.

Authorities Are Helpless "These people are helpless. Although they were made to get along with the famine, local authorities are wholly unable to check the exodus. The central government is doing all it can to facilitate the escape of the famine-stricken population as well as to prevent the spread of cholera. We saw boardings covered with graphic pictorial warnings, designed to be understood even by the illiterate, showing that care must be taken to avoid epidemic of cholera.

"As far south as Baku we saw trainloads of famine sufferers, sent by the government in the hope work would be found for them in the oil fields. Through the whole country, north of the Caucasus and in the Kuban country we saw thousands of refugees camped in helplessness, or lying in box cars along the tracks, lacking clothing and food.

"The local communities, faced by their own shortage of foodstuffs, refuse to permit refugees to enter cities and towns, and they move on endlessly from place to place, without hope of help, dying by the roadside, or through weakness failing from trains at night."

Soviet Chiefs Nervous: Still See Plot in Relief Third International Repeats Charge Counter-Revolutionary Propaganda Is Covered

RIGA, Aug. 25. (By The Associated Press).—What Baltic diplomatic circles characterize as an "extremely nervous and jumpy" attitude is being shown by the Bolsheviks in connection with the foreign famine relief. Yesterday the Third International sent out a wireless message again informing the world proletariat that the enemies of the Soviet intended to use the famine relief for counter-revolutionary purposes, and accusing France, particularly, saying she was promoting a new war against Russia by Rumania and Poland.

Minister, has informed the foreign ministers of Finland, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania that the Soviets have learned positively that Russian monarchists in the border states are planning a campaign of assassination against officials in the border states and Allied ministers, which they would try to blame on the Communists in order to promote trouble. The Latvian officials have asked M. Ganesky, the Russian Soviet Minister here, for more information regarding this.

Allied Warships Cause Stir News that thirteen British warships are coming to Riga September 15, while two small American war vessels already are in the Baltic on a visit of courtesy, has also greatly alarmed the Bolsheviks.

A few days ago Bolshevik armed trains were sent to the Finnish frontier, and when Finland demanded the reason the Bolsheviks are understood to have replied that this was their answer to the arrival of Allied warships in the Baltic.

Two scouting parties of the American relief administration are ready to go to Russia. One of them, consisting of seven men will depart for Moscow to-night and the other, of two men, will go to Petrograd tomorrow or Saturday.

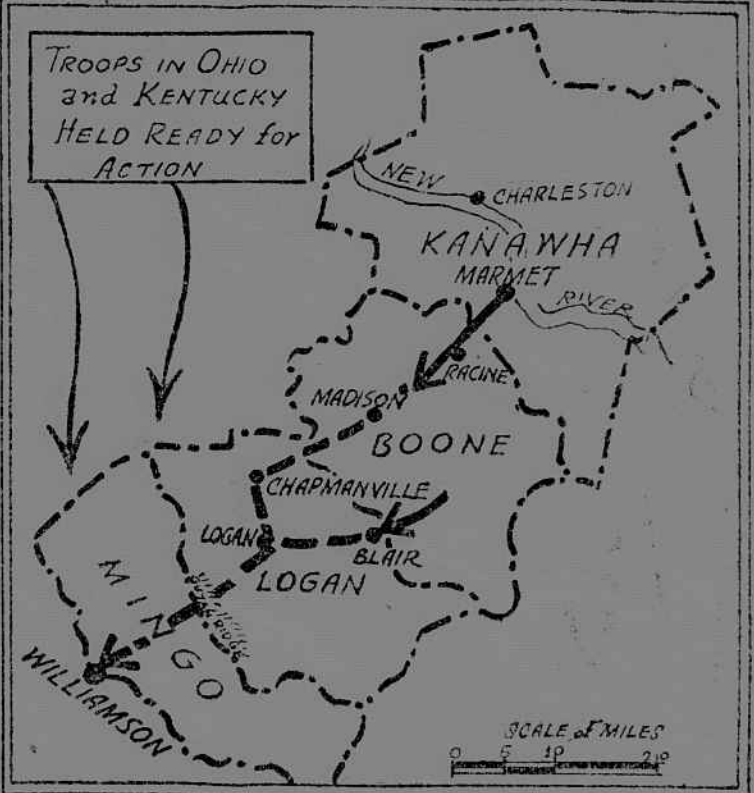
The Moscow party includes Philip Carroll, a leader, and John P. Gregg, both of Portland, Ore.; WILCO, Shaffroth, of Denver; C. P. Murray, Jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry J. Kirk, New York; John Lehrs, Baltimore, and Van Arden Traser, of Reval. Gregg and Shaffroth will leave Moscow for the famine area as soon as possible.

Two Go to Petrograd To Petrograd will go Donald Lowrie, of Cleveland, for a few days, and M. C. A. Warren, in the Baltic, and C. B. Bowen, who has been with the American relief administration in Hungary.

After some difficulty the Moscow party was able to secure the necessary permits for automobiles and trucks and a box car to carry their books and personal supplies direct to Moscow.

No food for distribution is being taken.

Where Armed West Virginians Invade Coal Fields



The map shows four West Virginia counties through which 4,000 miners are advancing toward Williamson. The solid arrows mark distances covered, and dash lines the proposed route of march. A battle is reported to have been fought yesterday at Blair.

Miners' Army Of 4,000 on Way to Mingo

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upon near Madison, Boone, County, by a group of 200 miners. The planes, manned by deputy sheriffs, did not return the fire, although the wings of the airplanes were pierced by bullets. Authorities were notified that two miners had been killed and a trucker killed \$5,000 worth of rifles and ammunition at a Huntington hardware store.

Rob Stores of Rifles. Joseph Keedy, manager of the Cabin Creek Consolidated Coal Company store at Kayford, and his state clerk, George Baker, were held up at the point of rifles by fifty masked men and forced to surrender twelve high-powered rifles and a large quantity of shells.

A coal company store at Fairmont, Raleigh County, was robbed of two machine guns and all ammunition. Scores of other stores at Martinsburg, Charleston, Cedar Grove, and other places were looted of rifles and shotguns.

Eighteen trains operating on the Cabin Creek and Coal River divisions were commandeered by the miners and forced them to haul them to their destination.

C. F. Keeney, miners' president, declared he is having nothing to do with the march, although in a statement today he came out openly in favor of the purpose of the invasion of Logan and Mingo counties to force unionization of these non-union persons and to bring an end to martial law in Mingo County.

Troops Held Ready to Go To W. Va. Coal Fields

Army Officers Sent to Look Over Scene; Senate to Resume Inquiry Next Month WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Renewed restlessness in the West Virginia coal fields, manifested in the march of a large band of armed men toward the Mingo district, resulted today in an appeal from Governor Mager for the aid of one thousand federal troops and in a decision by the Senate investigating committee to resume its inquiry into conditions in the coal regions on September 10, at Washington.

Request of the West Virginia Governor was followed by orders from Acting Secretary Wainwright to Brigadier General George W. Read, commander of the Central Postal Directory, to send troops available for quick dispatch to the region of trouble, and in the sending of Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, former assistant military governor of the A. E. F., and now commander of the Washington, D. C., district, and Lieutenant Colonel Stanley H. Ford to Charleston. The two officers were instructed to make a survey of the situation, and on their report to the department will depend the recommendation to be made to President Harding.

President Harding was made acquainted with the Governor's request and with advice received by the War Department from Major Charles H. Russell, a regular army officer in affected region. The President several months ago refused to order federal troops to West Virginia, holding that the state authorities had not used all the available facilities in preserving order.

Chairman Kenyon of the Senate investigating committee, in announcing resumption of the inquiry, said that members of the committee felt that a visit to the disturbed area might have a soothing effect.

Governor Mager, in his appeal, which was not made public by the War Department, said the band of armed men, numbering more than 4,000, had left Marmet for Mingo and Logan counties and in the march were raiding stores, engaging in thievery, forcing state trains to give them transportation and disrupting state peace officers.

The Governor suggested that the federal force be composed of strong machine gun detachments, signal corps troops with radio outfits and some one-pounders, and that they detain at St. Albans and Marmet.

Troops Prepare to Move From Columbus Barracks COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 25.—Norfolk & Western Railroad said officials here announced tonight that they had received orders to have three coaches ready for transportation of troops southward "at any time after midnight." All offices at Columbus barracks, where several hundred troops are stationed, were surrounded by a staff meeting and could not be reached.

Soldiers stationed at the post were called in from an out-post park and from the streets by -leaders, who said that preparations were being made for a movement.

Panama Goes Into Mourning Over Costa Rican Incident PANAMA, Aug. 25.—President Porras signed a decree last night declaring the Republic of Panama in mourning for a period of one month. He ordered that the flag be displayed at half mast on all public buildings. This action was taken in recognition of the award to Costa Rica of disputed territory along the frontier, and the decision of the United States not to delay Costa Rican occupation of the district.

Fire Rages in Moscow; Many Houses Burn

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Fire started in the most thickly populated part of Moscow several days ago and is still burning, it is asserted by the Helsingfors correspondent of the Central News. Several hundred houses have been destroyed, the correspondent says.

American Swimmer Well On Way Across Channel

Henry Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., Making Fourth Attempt at Difficult Feat

DOVER, England, Aug. 25. (By The Associated Press).—Henry Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., started to swim the English Channel, from Cape Gris-Nez, southwest of Calais, France, for Dover, at 11:40 o'clock this morning. He was reported tonight to be making good progress. At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon Sullivan was reported to have reached a point five miles off the French coast, still swimming well. The weather was calm, but a heavy mist covered the sea.

The present is the fourth attempt of Henry Sullivan to swim the English Channel. In 1913 he started from South Foreland and got to within six miles of the French shore. In August, 1920, he made his second effort, starting from Dover. This time he reached within three miles of his goal, where he had to give up because of the rough sea. The following month, he again started, but this time did better than on any previous occasion, coming within two miles of his objective off Cape Gris-Nez.

Federal Purchasing and Liquidation Boards Created WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Executive orders were issued today providing for a Federal purchasing board and Federal liquidation board. With the recent executive order creating the system of corps area coordinators of purchase and supply, and the executive order creating the surveyor general of real estate, the completed superimposed coordinating machinery through which executive control will be exercised over the ordinary business transactions of the government.

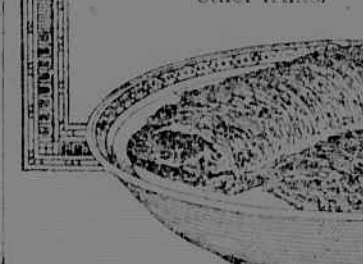
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Keep American Army on Rhine, Coudert Urges

International Lawyer, Home After Visit to Europe, Says Our Troops Have a Stabilizing Influence

1945 Arrive on Adriatic McCormick, Head of Harvester Co., and Minister of Persia Among Notables

American troops should be kept on the Rhine indefinitely as a stabilizing influence, because of frequent differences arising in the views of Great Britain and France with regard to Germany and their future security, according to Frederic R. Coudert, international lawyer, who returned yesterday from Europe on the White Star liner Adriatic.

While both countries are in harmony as to the ultimate good, Mr. Coudert said, France is apprehensive of the intense force of German hatred, Britain, on the other hand, feels more secure than at any time during the last twenty years, because of the elimination of the German sea power. The moral influence exerted by General Allen, the American commander on the Rhine, whom Mr. Coudert visited, was productive of harmony on all sides, the latter said. Germany respects him for his squareness, while he holds the admiration and sympathy of France and England.

Likes Silesian Decision Mr. Coudert said that it seemed a happy disposition of the Silesian problem to turn it over to the League of Nations, thus eliminating party politics as far as possible.

The removal of the minor sanctions from the Rhine also was regarded in Europe as a wise step in view of the apparent intent of the present German government to make reparation payments, he said, and he believes that much tension has been relieved as a result.

Among other passengers on the Adriatic were Cyrus H. McCormick, chairman of the board of the International Harvester Company, and Murea Hussein Khan, the new Persian Minister to the United States.

One of his plans while here, the Persian Minister declared, is to obtain financial assistance for his country and to urge the development of vast resources in Persia through American capital. Oil, he said, was especially abundant in northern Persia, but needed development.

Mr. McCormick said he felt that Americans should show nothing but the greatest admiration for the way France and Belgium particularly are recovering from their great losses. Business expansion is noticeable throughout all Europe, and while normally, he said, vast shipments of farming machinery were sent abroad, much less is now being shipped.

Theatrical Stars Arrive Mr. McCormick returned from a two months' tour of France, Belgium and England with his son, Gordon McCormick.

Several theatrical stars also arrived, including Lillian Russell, of the Alhambra, Miss Mary Robinson, last seen at the Winter Garden; Miss Marjorie Lane, of the Lyceum; and Miss Dorothy Gish, of the Lyceum. The ship brought 322 first-class, 479 second and 204 steerage passengers.

Schurman at Shanghai SHANGHAI, Aug. 25.—Jacob Gould Schurman, the new American Minister to China, arrived here yesterday en route to Peking.

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Girl Writes a Letter From Lake Lucid

Lake Lucid, Aug. 22, '21. My dear Mary: There are five girls in our party, and we have been exchanging opinions on some books we have been reading. I have just finished Robert W. Chambers' The Little Red Foot. I was told that the plot was laid in the central part of New York State at the time of the Revolution. As we are near the Adirondacks I read it to get local color, not of so long ago. It is one of the best stories Chambers has written, so exciting that I forgot all about a lunch engagement I had yesterday. You'll find it full of adventure and, as Professor Jackson says, "a wholly reliable and even fascinating book, based on a critical period in our history." Doesn't that sound real literary?

Polly Putnam—she's our wise one—says she usually prefers to read something more meaty than novels. She's totting round a wild book called Taming New Guinea. I think it is by a Captain Monkton. She claims, over her glasses—you remember her queer way of looking at you—that the captain has a fizzle, not exactly his words, and that your fingers simply get glued to the book before you are a quarter way through it. Cannibals, sharks, frozen deads by crazy men! Say, I'll have to swap Chambers and his story of bad Englishmen for a book by a good Englishman. Pretty good, that, huh?

Jane Wilkins is a Mary Roberts Rinehart fan. She's bought every novel that M. R. R. has written, and says she won't lend one of them—she keeps them locked up, in a bookcase in her room at college—as so many people borrow novels and then swipe them. Sight Unseen and The Confession, she told me, is a shivery kind of book, with two stories in it, one about a murder and a medium who does off to a trance and tells some folks, half scared to death over it, all things that give an honest-to-goodness clew. What do you know about that? The other yarn in the book is just as creepy, only different.

Anne Atkins is somewhat on the Putnam order, with a nose for a book that's got a thought-hunch in it. Alexander Black is a high priest of the cult of Bugs de Sociology, for her, and his The Seventh Angel is a sort of Testament in the vulgar. It's about another Anne, a female with a will and a lot of pluck, who returns from the front in France and fights her way through all sorts of ambush in Little old Manhattan, walls of opposition and burdens of love, etc.

The funniest girl here, when it comes to books, is Philippa Lewis. An hour ago I found her sitting under a tree, and what do you imagine she was reading? The Standard Dictionary. "Isn't that thing awful dry?" "Dry," she snorted. "It's juicy with adventure. I turn over the pages and light on words I never knew were under the canopy, and then I lasso them and dump them into my brain-bin. Do you know what 'cannulation' means?"

Well, my dear, that's about all for today. By the way, this is a vital matter, hush along a copy of Hall Caine's new novel the second it gets loose. Yours for good books, SALLY ANDERSON.

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